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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of any non-US documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, copy of an English translation of the Japan Office action dated September 8, 2006 issued in the corresponding application are provided herewith.

1. JP 63-106121 A (English abstract provided)
2. JP U 2-128683 A (English abstract provided)

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Documents 1-2 are cited in the Japan Office action dated September 8, 2006.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action, no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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2. This application does not satisfy the requirements prescribed in Article 36 (6) (ii) of the Patent Law with respect to the description of the claims as indicated below.

Note

While claim 1 describes "axle carrier", it is unclear what this is.

In addition, while claim 1 describes "protective", it is unclear what is protected against.

Also, while claim 2 describes "-modified", it is unclear what this is.

Furthermore, while claim 2 describes "preferably," the use of this term is unclear.

Accordingly, the inventions pertaining to claims 1 and 2 are not clear.

When any reason for refusal is found later, it will be notified with another Notification of Reasons for Refusal.

List of Cited Document

Document 1:	JP 63-106121 A	(D1)
Document 2:	JP Utility Model Application 1-38476 (JP U 2-128683 A)	(D2)

Records of the result of prior art search

- Searched Field: IPC
 - B62D21/00
 - B62D25/00
- Prior Art Documents:
 - JP 3-61177 A
 - JP 4-317869 A
 - JP 10-324267 A
 - JP 11-105747 A
 - JP 9-240507 A
 - JP 2-249770 A
 - JP11-198664 A